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Identical letters dated 22 December 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 22 December 2002 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities on 22 December 2002

1. IAEA inspection team

The inspection team, comprised of four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours and travelled 15 kilometres north of Baghdad to the site of the Al-Mansur State Enterprise, an arm of the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC) specializing in the production of mineral water, filtered water and related products. Upon arrival, the team met with a senior official of the company. It asked questions about the changes that had taken place during the previous four years, the activities of the company and the entities that received the company's products. Answers were provided to the questions asked. The team inspected the company's plants and completed its assignment at 1120 hours.

The team next visited the Al-Faribi Centre, a part of the Military Industrialization Corporation specializing in computer programmes. The team met with the director of the Centre, who was questioned about the nature of the Centre's activities. It then inspected all of the Centre's buildings.

The next visit was to the Al-Tahrir Welding Training Institute, a branch of the Military Industrialization Corporation situated in the Waziriya district of Baghdad. Upon arrival, the team met with the Institute's director and asked questions about the various units of the Institute and the types of welding used. It then inspected the Institute's workshops and laboratories. The team completed its assignment at 1250 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1305 hours.

During its inspection tour of the three above-mentioned sites, the team used portable radiometric survey equipment to detect any radioactive activity. It also photographed the inspected sites.

2. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

The inspection team, comprised of 16 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0835 hours and arrived at 0910 hours at the Al-Nahrawane site, which is part of the Al-Bassel State Enterprise. This enterprise, an arm of the Military Industrialization Corporation, is situated in the Nahrawane region, some 40 kilometres east of Baghdad. Upon arrival, the team met with the director of the site and asked questions about the site itself, the nature of the activities carried out at the site and the changes that had taken place since 1998. The team then inspected all the buildings on the site as well as the production plants. The team completed its assignment at 1230 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1300 hours.

3. UNMOVIC biological inspection team

An inspection team, comprised of 25 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0840 hours and arrived at 0930 hours at the site of the Al-Kanadi vaccine production

company, situated in the region of Abu Ghraib, some 15 kilometres west of Baghdad. This mixed-sector enterprise is specialized in the production of animal vaccines. Upon arrival, the team met with the managing director and asked questions about the company, the activities carried out there, the entities that collaborated with it, the new equipment in place and how the equipment had been acquired. After receiving replies to all of the questions asked, the team inspected all of the company's installations. It completed its assignment at 1255 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1335 hours.

4. UNMOVIC missile inspection team

(a) A first group, comprised of eight inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0840 hours and arrived at 0900 hours at the site of the Al-Bitani State Enterprise. This enterprise, which is part of the Military Industrialization Corporation, is situated in the Jadiriya district of Baghdad and carries out research in the areas of space, atmospheric layers and remote sensing. The group met with the managing director of the enterprise, who presented an overview of the company and its activities. The director also replied to questions posed by the group arising from the presentation he had made. The group then inspected all of the units of the enterprise and questioned experts during their tour. The assignment was completed at 1210 hours and the group returned to the Canal Hotel at 1245 hours.

(b) The second group, comprised of six inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours and arrived at 0918 hours at the location of a battalion of specialists in missiles in the under-150 kilometre range, which was stationed in the Taji area, some 40 kilometres north of Baghdad. Upon its arrival, the team met with the battalion commander, who replied to detailed questions concerning the activities of the battalion. The group then examined and photographed selected equipment. The assignment was completed at 1304 hours and the group returned to the Canal Hotel at 1335 hours.

5. UNMOVIC multidisciplinary (chemical, biological and missile) inspection team

An inspection team, comprised of 14 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours and arrived at 0905 hours at the site of the ammunition depots situated in the Taji area, some 35 kilometres north of Baghdad. The team examined the site and the head of the team requested to visit nearby ammunition depots. A number of inspectors left for a nearby site, where they inspected all of the sheds. The head of the group met with the chief of the unit and asked questions about the site, the resources for its maintenance and the types of ammunition stored there. The head of the group then returned to the first site and met with the director of the site, whom he questioned about the ammunition stored at the site and the changes that had occurred since 1998. After examining various documents, the group inspected all of the sheds at the site and verified the type of ammunition that was stored there. The group completed its assignment at 1600 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1650 hours.

Remarks

The UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams today carried out unannounced inspections of nine sites, both in and out of Baghdad. Some 73 inspectors participated in the visits. The teams conducted radiometric surveys of selected sites

using portable equipment designed to detect any nuclear activity. They photographed some of the instruments and equipment examined, requested documents and met with specialists at the sites inspected. The specialists provided answers to the inspectors' questions.